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PIPELINE POLICY COMMITTEE (CEPPC) MEETING IN U.S.

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E. USNATO 6264, DTG 280950Z DEC 73

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G. USNATO 0320, DTG 221300Z JAN 74

BEGIN SUMMARY. MISSION/WASHINGTON PLANNING FOR U.S. TURN AT HOSTING
1974 ANNUAL MAY JOINT CEPO/CEPPC MEETING WAS CANCELLED IN DEC 73
BECAUSE OF FUEL CRISIS. DURING CEPPC MEETING, 23/24 JAN 75, COM-
MITTEE ASKED US REP (LOVELAND) TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER TIME MIGHT
NOW BE RIPE FOR MAY 1975 VISIT. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUI-
DANCE PRIOR TO 20-21 FEB MEETING ON POSSIBILITIES FOR U.S.
HOSTING OF CEPO/CEPPC MEETING THIS YEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. IN OCT 73 (REF A), MISSION PROPOSED THAT U.S. TAKE ITS 1974
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TURN IN HOSTING ANNUAL CEPO/CEPPC MEETING IN MEMBER COUNTRIES.
DEPARTMENT NOTED (REF B) POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH INFRASTRUCTURE
TRIP IN SPRING OF 1974. AFTER FURTHER EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES (REFS
C,D,E, AND F) AND ADVENT OF ENERGY CRISIS, DEPT. CONCURRED

THAT U.S. SHOULD NOT HOST EITHER COMMITTEE AT THIS TIME. MISSION SO ANNOUNCED TO CEPPC (REF G), WHICH REQUESTED THAT ACTION BE RECONSIDERED WHEN CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED. AT CEPPC MEETING ON 23/24 JAN 75, BELGIAN REP (DUPONT) SUGGESTED, AND COMMITTEE CONCURRED, THAT U.S. MIGHT NOW SEE ITS WAY CLEAR TO HOST MEETING IN MAY 1975.

2. JOINT CEPO/CEPPC LAST MET IN U.S. IN APRIL/MAY 1968 WHEN THE WASHINGTON MEETING WAS FOLLOWED BY VISIT TO CAPE KENNEDY AND ATLANTA, GEORGIA (COLONIAL AND PLANTATION PIPELINE COMPANIES). OTHER NATIONAL VISITS (EXCLUDING FORMAL SESSIONS) SINCE THAT TIME WERE

28-29 MAY 1969 GERMANY BONN, BADEN-BADEN, ELSWEG PUMP STATION

28-29 MAY 1970 BELGIUM BRUSSELS, GHENT REFINERY

25-26 MAY 1971 UK LONDON AND BP RESEARCH CENTER

25-26 MAY 1972 FRANCE FOS-SUR-MER, ARLES HARBOR AND DEPOT FACILITIES

24-25 MAY 1973 NETHERLANDS THE HAGUE, ZUIDER ZEE

MAY 1974 (CANCELLED)

3. IN REF A, MISSION NOTED THAT 1968 VISIT TO THE U.S. HAD BEEN USEFUL IN EXPOSING ALLIED MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES TO U.S. ATTITUDES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN PIPELINE AND POL STORAGE TECHNIQUES. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT WASHINGTON OFFICIALS MIGHT WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A 1975 VISIT TO REEMPHASIZE U.S. GOALS IN NATO COOPERATION AND TO EXPOSE CURRENT THOUGHTS ON POL UTILIZATION.

4. MAY MEETING HAS USUALLY CONSISTED OF ONE OR TWO DAYS OF FORMAL SESSIONS (WITH SIMULTANEOUS FRENCH-ENGLISH TRANSLATION DESIRED BUT NOT REQUIRED), FOLLOWED BY SEVERAL DAYS OF BRIEFINGS AND VISITS TO MILITARY AND CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE PETROLEUM FIELD. POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE DEFENSE FUEL SUPPLY AGENCY AND CONFIDENTIAL

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FORT EUSTIS/FORT LEE AREA OF VIRGINIA. WE WOULD SUGGEST TOTAL PERIOD FOR MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS, AND VISITS OF ABOUT ONE WEEK.

5. BY TRADITION, CEPO/CEPPC MEMBERS PAY FOR THEIR PER DIEM AND TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE HOSTING COUNTRY. HOST NORMALLY PROVIDES IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION AND OCCASIONAL LUNCHEES OR RECEPTIONS. GROUP WOULD CONSIST OF ABOUT 20 NATIONAL, AFCENT, AND NATO SEC-RETARIAT MEMBERS. A FEW WIVES MIGHT WISH TO ACCOMPANY GROUP AT OWN EXPENSE AND RESPONSIBILITY.

6. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON PRECEDING PROPOSAL FOR U.S. HOSTING OF MEETING IN LATE MAY 1975. BRUCE

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